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CUSTOMS PREVENTIVE COMMISSIONERATES
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided for creation of Customs Preventive Commissionerates in differentparts of the country especially in coastal States in order to check smuggling of dangerous explosive, modernised weapons and drugs in coastal areas;

(b) if so, the number of Custom Preventive Commissionerates proposed to be created in Maharashtra; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed by the Government to check rampant smuggling in the coastal areas of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : The Government is presently engaged in cadre restructuring of various grades of posts in the Customs and Central Excise Department which may result in the creation of new commissionerates of Central Excise and Customs including Customs Preventive Commissionerates in some parts of the country. There is no proposal for creation of a separate customs preventive commissionerate in the State of Maharashtra at present.

(c): All the field formations under Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are vigilant, alert and equipped to prevent smuggling of contraband goods all over the country including coastal areas.